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REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1-5 have been withdrawn. Claims 8, 9, 14, and 20 were cancelled in the previously amendment. Claims 6, 7, 10-13, 15-19, and 21 have been rejected. Claim 10-12 are amended. In view of foregoing amendments and following remarks, the applicants request allowance of the application.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 10 is amended. Applicants assert the meaning of amended claim 10 is clear. The element "responsive to a proposed postings of revenue, determining whether a revenue calculation of any control objects addresses the proposed posting" identifies those control objects that would use the proposed postings of revenue in a revenue calculation. The Examiner is referred to FIG. 3 and paragraphs 19-23 for an illustration of an embodiment of the claimed invention.

SAPR3 (www.sap.com, June 2003) is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. §103 or 35 U.S.C. §102

Applicants have submit attached as an appendix an affidavit under 37 C.F. R. § 1.131 which asserts that the date of conception was at the latest November 28, 2002, and that the date of reduction to practice was at the latest January 16, 2003. Therefore, SAPR3 (www.sap.com, June 2003) (hereinafter "SAPR3") is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) or under 35 U.S.C. 102(a), because SAPR3 was published after both the date of conception and the date of reduction to practice.

The claim chart below illustrates that the subject matter of the independent claims was disclosed in the design and implementation documents of the attached Affidavit.

| INDEPENDENT CLAIM LANGUAGE | DISCLOSURE IN DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION DOCUMENTS |
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| 6. An enterprise management system, comprising: | The "Implementation of Availability Control on Revenue" is for release EA-PS 2.0 which is a enterprise management system. See Exhibit E, page 1. |
| a transaction manager to receive new revenue transactions posted by an organization, | "For controlling revenue." Exhibit E, page 1, under "Principle." |

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| INDEPENDENT CLAIM LANGUAGE | DISCLOSURE IN DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION DOCUMENTS |
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| an Availability Control (AVC) manager, responsive to a new revenue transaction to execute an AVC rule represented by a control object, | "Enhancement of the AVC check logic: ... ceiling types that ... are available for each control ledger ... " with 'ceiling for revenues". Exhibit A page 7. |
| the AVC rule causing a comparison of previously-posted revenue of the organization and revenue of the new transaction with a limit to how much revenue may be posted for the control object and | "Some administration is authorized to accept revenues until a certain upper limit ... if this limit is exceeded for revenues." Exhibit A, page 5. |
| if the comparison fails a relationship defined by the AVC rule, causing the transaction manager to reject the new revenue transaction. | "Some administration is authorized to accept revenues until a certain upper limit ... (then) AVC issues an error, if this limit is exceeded for revenues." Exhibit A, page 5. |
| 10. (Currently Amended) An Availability Control (AVC) method, comprising: | The "Implementation of Availability Control on Revenue" is for release EA-PS 2.0 which is a enterprise management system. See Exhibit E, page 1. |
| responsive to a proposed postings of revenue, determining whether a revenue calculation of any control objects addresses the proposed posting, | "For controlling revenue." Exhibit E, page 1, under "Principle." |
| executing AVC rules for each identified control object, the AVC rules testing whether the proposed postings of revenue would exceed revenue limits for the control object, and | "Enhancement of the AVC check logic: ... ceiling types that ... are available for each control ledger ... " with 'ceiling for revenues". Exhibit A page 7. |
| if any AVC rule is violated by the posting and if the AVC rule identifies an error as a response thereto, blocking the posting from being admitted. | "Some administration is authorized to accept revenues until a certain upper limit ... (then) AVC issues an error, if this limit is exceeded for revenues." Exhibit A, page 5. |
| 16. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium storing program instructions that, when executed, cause an executing device to: | The "Implementation of Availability Control on Revenue" is for release EA-PS 2.0 which is a enterprise management system. See Exhibit E, page 1. |
| responsive to a proposed postings of revenue, determine whether the revenue calculation for any control objects addresses the proposed posting, | "For controlling revenue." Exhibit E, page 1, under "Principle." |
| execute Availability Control (AVC) rules for each identified control object, the AVC rules testing whether the proposed postings of revenue would exceed revenue limits for the control object, and | "Enhancement of the AVC check logic: ... ceiling types that ... are available for each control ledger ... " with 'ceiling for revenues". Exhibit A page 7. |
| if any AVC rule is violated by the posting and if the AVC rule identifies an error as a response thereto, block the posting from being admitted. | "Some administration is authorized to accept revenues until a certain upper limit ... (then) AVC issues an error, if this limit is exceeded for revenues." Exhibit A, page 5. |

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Claims 6,7, 10-13, 15-19, and 21

Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park (U.S. Patent No. 6,058,375) (hereinafter "Park") in view of SAPR3. Claims 10-13, 15-19, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by SAPR3.

As discussed above SAR3 is not prior art to the Pending Application. Additionally, the Office admits that Park fails to disclose the following bolded elements of claim 6, which recites in part:

a transaction manager to receive new revenue transactions posted by an organization,
an Availability Control (AVC) manager, responsive to a new revenue transaction to execute an AVC rule represented by a control object, **the AVC rule causing a comparison of previously-posted revenue of the organization and revenue of the new transaction with a limit to how much revenue may be posted for the control object** and, if the comparison fails a relationship defined by the AVC rule, causing the transaction manager **to reject the new revenue transaction**.

Office Action p. 4. For at least these reasons Park fails to remedy the deficiencies of SAR3. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 6 is requested. Since claim 7 depends from claim 6, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 7 is requested. Since claims 10-13, 15-19, and 21 were rejected as being anticipated by SAR3, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 10-13, 15-19, and 21 is requested.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative to discuss this matter.

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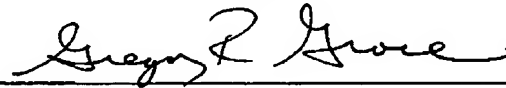
CONCLUSION

All outstanding rejections have been overcome. It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is in clear condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Although not believed necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Office is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4228 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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